

THE THORNEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1951.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I submit herewith my Annual Report for 1951.

This year has been very eventful in the history of the Thorney Rural District Council in that it has seen the completion of the rural water supply. The Scheme was finished by the 31st March, 1952 -- approximately 46 miles of piping were laid, 236 connections made and all carting of water ceased. This condition will enable many householders to improve sanitary arrangements in their homes and in those of their tenants.

The health of the area has been very good, only seven notifications for infectious disease being received. The response to diphtheria immunisation is poor.

Your obedient Servant,

J.R.F. Popplewell,

Medical Officer of Health.

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Medical Officer of Health : J.R.F. Popplewell, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
D. (Obst.) R.C.O.G.

Sanitary Inspector : T.A.C. March, M.S.I.A., Cert.R.S.

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GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area	21,796 acres.
Population	2,308.
Children aged 0-4 years.			239.
Children aged 5-14	"		398.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Live Births : Legitimate.	28.	23.
Illegitimate.	<u>1.</u>	<u>2.</u>
Total	29.	25
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Stillbirths : Legitimate.	1.	-
Illegitimate.	<u>-</u>	<u>1.</u>
Total.	1.	1.
	<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age :		
Legitimate.	1.	1.
Illegitimate.	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1.</u>	<u>1.</u>
Deaths from Cancer.	1.	3.
Deaths from Tuberculosis.	-	-

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

2 cases of Whooping Cough.
3 cases of Scarlet Fever.
1 case of Pneumonia.
1 case of T.B. Adenitis of the neck.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Only nine children under one year of age were immunised during the year. This is a regrettably low figure.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

NURSING IN THE HOME.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

CLINICS.

The facilities of all the above services are the same as last year.

WATER SUPPLY.

By 31st March, 1952, the piped water supply for the rural area was completed - approximately 46 miles of pipes were laid and the whole of the rural and village water supply is now from Peterborough. 236 connections have been made and all carting of water has ceased. There has been no contamination from lead and no bacteriological examinations have been made during the year.

SEWERAGE.

The collection of nightsoil from earth closets was discontinued and the majority of premises included in this service have been connected to the sewerage system by the end of the year.

HOUSING.

Houses completed during the year :

Private.....2
Council.....5.

The construction of four bungalows was in hand at the end of the year.

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